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Tele-Medicine Services
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce of tele-medicine services;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of the scheme along with the funds allocated for the scheme;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the development of tele-medicine services requires customised treatment programmes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the aforesaid scheme is likely to be aligned with the Jan Aushadhi Scheme so as to ensure convergence between them and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) & (b): Following steps have been taken to strengthen Telemedicine services:-

I. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) amounting to Rs. 103.99 Crores has been approved for establishment of National Medical College Network (NMCN), wherein 41 Govt. Medical Colleges are being networked in the first phase riding over National Knowledge Network- high speed bandwidth connectivity, with the purpose of e-Education and e-Healthcare delivery.

II. Setting up of new Telemedicine nodes in collaboration with D/o Space (ISRO) at following remote locations :

i. One districts each in Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya.
ii. Chardhams, Kailash Mansarover, Amarnath and Ayappa pilgrimage places.

III. Financial and technical support is also being provided to State Governments for strengthening and promoting Telemedicine network under their respective States/ UTs Programme Implementation Plan (PIPs) of National Health Mission (NHM) scheme.
(c) & (d): Ministry has developed Standard Treatment Guidelines for different diseases and the same are applicable to Telemedicine services.

(e): No.
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